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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kiyotaka OHARA

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Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/669,877

Examiner: D. TRAN

Filed: September 25, 2003

Docket No.: 116529

For: IMAGE READING DEVICE FOR TRANSMITTING IMAGE DATA TO TERMINAL
DEVICE

PETITION FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.182

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.182, Applicant petitions the Director for a refund of the fees paid associated with filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Notice) for the above-identified application on October 14, 2008 based on the following:

Applicant timely filed a Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection (Response) on July 14, 2008 (copy of filing receipt attached) in response to a Final Rejection mailed April 14, 2008. The remarks of the Response summarized and asserted the arguments presented during a personal interview conducted on July 8, 2008. During the interview, Examiner Folayan, who at the time was assigned to the application, agreed that the rejections of record were overcome by the arguments presented during the interview and asserted in the Response.

Applicants representatives repeatedly contacted Examiner Folayan during the month of August, 2008 to determine if the Response had been placed on the Examiner's docket. Each time, Examiner Folayan indicated that the Response had not yet been placed on his

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docket. After several additional inquiries as to the status the Response, Examiner Folayan indicated that the Response was still not on his docket but he had contacted the LIE which informed him that an error which prevented the Response from being docketed was corrected and that the Response would soon appear on his docket. Examiner Folayan indicated that he would be able to act on the Response within a week.

After a brief conversation with Legal Instrument Examiner Earline Green on September 16, 2008, Ms. Green informed Applicant's representatives that an internal error on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office prevented the response from appearing on Examiner Folayan's docket but that the error would be corrected within one day.

Applicant's representatives repeatedly attempted to reach Examiner Folayan to determine if the error had been corrected and whether the Response was on his docket but were unable to reach the Examiner. After several additional attempts, Applicant's representatives discovered that the application had been transferred to Examiner Tran, as Examiner Folayan was no longer at the Patent Office.

During a brief telephone interview on October 14, 2008, Examiner Tran tentatively indicated that he would be unable to act on the Response, although it had been placed on his docket, by the six month un-extendible due date because he was unfamiliar with the application.

Based on MPEP §706.07(d), Applicant was concerned that Examiner Tran would be unable to act on the response after the six month date because the application would become abandoned. Therefore, Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences with a three-month Petition for Extension of Time (copy of filing receipt attached) to ensure the application would not go abandoned and that Examiner Tran would be able to act on the application.

Based on the foregoing, the need to file the Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and three-month Petition for Extension of Time was based solely on the extensive delay caused by the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully petitions the Director to refund the fees associated with filing Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and three-month Petition for Extension of Time.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.182, attached is check no. 214153 for the petition fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(f).

Should the Director believe that anything further would be desirable to act on the merits of this petition, the Director is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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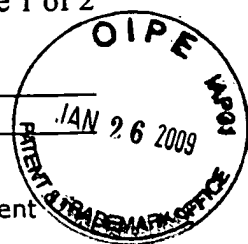
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